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I am writing to urge you to promote food safety and more humane farming methods by banning the forced molting of laying hens. Not only is this inhumane because feed is withheld, it also increases the cases of Salmonella and the need for use of antibiotics. The misuse of antibiotics, also used as growth promoters for farm animals, has caused antibiotic resistance diseases which endanger human health. The FDA should ban the use of antibiotics as growth promoters. In addition, I oppose the biotech engineered food crops that are entering the market because they pose health risks especially to people with allergies who may unknowingly be exposed to allergens in the food supply, since genetically engineered foods aren't required to be labelled. The FDA needs to do a much better job of protecting our food supply and the public's health by increasing food inspections and by banning unsafe and inhumane "factory farming" practices.

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Additionally The FDA should review its bovine growth hormone approval for dairy cows. Health Canada has banned use of BGH in dairy cows because it increased idiosyncrasies in cows. Studies in England have linked BGH to cancer (Lancet Journal of Medicine), especially breast cancer. And The manufacturer of BGH has suppressed evidence of human health risks in its own studies. Statements that BGH is identical to a naturally occurring hormone are misleading, because the synthetic version which is used on dairy cows has produced health problems in animals and humans.

The FDA should not allow the public to be "guinea pigs" for corporate profits. Please do your job to protect public health by safeguarding our food supply with the highest possible standards for food safety.

Finally I oppose the use of food irradiation because it is not safe, since it uses radiation equal to between 10 and 70 million chest X rays which is way over the lethal amount for humans. Also, animals fed irradiated meat had miscarriages and health problems. Irradiation strips many nutrients from food.

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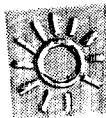
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